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India will identify, track, punish every terrorist: Modi

Madhubani (Bihar), Apr. 24 (Agencies)- India will identify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers and our spirit will never be broken, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said this noon, sending a strong message two days after 26 tourists and a Kashmiri were brutally killed in a terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

The Prime Minister was in Bihar's Madhubani for a Government event. He started his address with a silent tribute to those killed in the Pahalgam terror attack.

PM Narendra Modi in Bihar's Madhubani this noon.

Later in his address, he said the entire country is in pain because of the ruthless manner in which terrorists killed innocent tourists in Pahalgam. "The whole country is with the bereaved families. The Government is trying its best to ensure the well-being of those injured. Someone has lost a son, someone has lost a brother, someone has lost a life partner. Someone spoke Bengali, someone spoke Kannada, someone was Marathi, someone was Odia, someone was Gujarati and someone was Bihar's son.

Shifting to English, clearly to send a message across the globe, the Prime Minister said, "I say to the whole world. India will identify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers. We will pursue them to the ends of the earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. Terrorism will not go unpunished. Every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done. The entire nation is firm in this resolve. Everyone who believes in humanity is with us. I thank the people of various countries and their leaders who have stood with us in this time," he said.

"From Kargil to Kanyakumari, there is grief and rage. This attack was not just on innocent tourists; the country's enemies have shown the audacity to attack India's soul," the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister said, the terrorists who carried out the attack and those who plotted it would "get a punishment they cannot imagine". "The time has come to raze whatever is left of the terror haven. The will of 140 crore people of our country will break the back of the masters of terror," he said.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 24th April 2025

Ph.D degree awardees

Mysuru, Apr. 24- **D. Kiran** has been awarded Ph.D in Gandhian Studies by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Mandya, Madduru, Malavalli Talukugala Vyapthiya Mahatma Gandhi Udyoga Kathri Yojane - Ondu Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.T. Ramachandra.

B.S. Hemalatha has been awarded Ph.D in Political Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Karnatakada Vidhanasabheyalli Mahila Praathinidhikarana mattu Vivadamshagalu - 1970 rinda Ondu Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.H. Nagaraja.

P. Vishnu has been awarded Ph.D in Management Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Political Marketing Strategies of Select National and Regional Parties in India' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Amulya.

M.N. Vanithakumara has been awarded Ph.D in Political Science by the UoM for his thesis 'The Three Tier System in Karnataka - A Case Study of Mysore Zilla Panchayat' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.H. Nagaraja.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WAYS TO FIND FULFILMENT IN LIFE: *People encounter various problems and difficulties in their lives. Thinking of God can help overcome them. Acharyas slowly infuse our minds with God and His great qualities, like a mother puts food into her child's mouth. Saivite apostle Thirunavukkarasar says nothing is permanent in this world except God, and to fix Him in our mind, we have to visit temples, worship Him and render service.*

Whatever we do, people may find fault and not be happy. God will become pleased with our devotion and offer of just a bael leaf (Eka Bilvam Sivarpanam.) He is called Asutoshi — one who becomes easily satisfied.

Sri Ramanujamji said in a discourse that we must develop an attitude towards God. He is our Lord who will do good to us and extend His blessings. Saint Ramanuja worked hard towards this end for the sake of the people and hence was called "Emperumanar." The spiritual powers of acharyas and saints are like great mountains, and we remain blessed even if we get a minuscule fragment of theirs.

The easiest way to fix God in our minds is to chant His name (Nama Sankeerthanam). Thirumazhisai Piran says we have to understand that the world is God's creation, and we have to read, write, listen about Him and while away our time by praying and prostrating at His feet.

Sri Muralidhara Swamigal says in the form of a poem that our minds should not be after mean pleasures. We should not get caught in worldly tethers. Our minds should not vacillate, should follow the paths treaded by noblemen, should listen to Godly deeds, chant ever the names of God, and not find fault with others. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Chimpanzees caught sharing alcoholic fruit

Guinea-Bissau: A team of British researchers studying chimpanzees in West Africa said they have documented the primates eating and sharing alcoholic fruit.

The University of Exeter team said cameras set up at Cantanhez National Park in Guinea-Bissau captured the chimps sharing fermented African breadfruit that was later confirmed to contain ethanol.

The team's study suggests the chimpanzees could be using the alcohol for a similar purpose as humans who partake in intoxicating beverages.

"Chimps don't share food all the time, so this behaviour with fermented fruit might be important," researcher Kimberley Hockings said. The researchers said it is notable that the chimps were documented sharing the fruits, rather than eating them alone.

1976 message in a bottle found in the Bahamas

Bahamas: A pair of brothers walking along the coast of a remote island in the Bahamas found a message in a bottle that had been written by a 14-year-old Massachusetts student in 1976.

Clint Buffington, an experienced beachcomber who has found more than 100 messages in bottles across North America and the Caribbean, said he and his brother, Evan, were exploring the coast of an island in the Bahamas a few weeks ago when they made a discovery.

The old Pepsi bottle contained a note written by Peter R. Thompson, a 14-year-old Pentucket Regional Junior High School student from West Newbury, Mass., who was taking an oceanography class at the time. The note said the bottle would be tossed into the ocean by the Coast Guard.

"It's amazing. It's almost 50 years later, so it's a surprise," Peter R. Thompson said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: PCOS can be cured

Reality: Polycystic ovarian syndrome can be controlled by diet and exercise and medications.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Sharvari Walimbe on May 4

Mysuru, Apr. 24- The Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Sharvari Walimbe (daughter of Abhay and late Anjali Walimbe), disciple of Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen of Nadavidyalaya, Mysuru, will be held at Jaganmohan Palace in city on May 4 at 5.30 pm.

S.D. Sureshkumar, Police Inspector, Vijayanagar Police Station, Mysuru, Shashidhara Dongre of L&T Technology Services Ltd. and Author and Dr. Kripa Phadke, Director, Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, will be the guests of honour.

Music Ensemble: Dance Direction, Choreography & Nattuvanga - Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen; Vocal - Vidwan Naveen M.S. Andagar; Flute - Vid. Vivek Krishna; Mridanga - Vid. G.S. Nagraj.

Sharvari Walimbe

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VOICE OF THE READER

When will this story of stench end?

Sir,

The stench of overflowing sewage from a manhole near Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, adjacent to the Vijayanagar Water Tank, has become an unbearable ordeal for residents and commuters. Though authorities were alerted earlier and the manhole was swiftly repaired, the relief was short-lived.

Now, another manhole just a stone's throw away from the fixed one has burst open, gushing foul water onto the streets. The overpowering stench has turned daily walks and morning commutes into a test of endurance, with the putrid odour assaulting the senses.

This recurring nightmare lays bare the Mysuru City Corporation's indifference, their actions no more effective than "pouring water on a buffalo's back."

Each failed fix deepens public frustration and every journey down this stretch of road becomes a silent cry for a lasting solution that never arrives. The question hangs heavy in the air, as noxious as the stench itself: "When will this fetid saga finally come to an end?"

— R. Yashas,
Social Activist

Mysuru
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Lokayukta Cops conduct surprise inspection at 14 Sub-Registrar Offices

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (RK, PM & BS)- In a surprise operation, Lokayukta Police personnel conducted inspection at 14 Sub-Registrar Offices in the district, including five in the city yesterday.

Lokayukta Policemen split into several teams visited the Sub-Registrar Offices under general inspection and verified the records and style of functioning of the staff. They also collected the opinions of the general public about the working style of the officers and staff at those offices.

In the city, Sub-Registrar Offices are located at Taluk Office premises (Mysuru North), Ramakrishnanagar (Mysuru South), Vijayanagar (Mysuru East), Dr. Rajkumar Road (Mysuru West) and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Office premises and the Taluk Centres in the district.

The personnel attached to anti-corruption ombudsman focused their inspection about the transparency being followed in the procedures related to registration of properties, distribution of title deeds, registration of marriages, financial transactions, online payments, attendance and verification of documents among several others.

The Lokayukta personnel collected the opinions about the demand for bribe and the menace of middlemen at the Sub-Registrar Offices.

However, neither any cash nor files were seized during the inspection, that was focused on inspecting the total functioning of the Sub-Registrar Offices, according to sources.

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Case of 'dead' wife found alive

Court exonerates tribal man

- Orders Government to pay Rs. 1 lakh compensation
- Recommends disciplinary action against four Police Officers

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (VNS)- In a dramatic turn in the sensational case where a woman presumed murdered was later found alive, while her innocent husband languished in jail for two long years, the Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court has honourably acquitted Suresh, a tribal resident of Basavanahalli in Kushalnagar taluk, of all charges, including the alleged murder of his wife Mallige. The Court came down heavily on the Police, terming the chargesheet false and the evidence fabricated.

Suresh

Advocate Pandu Poojari offering sweets to Suresh after he was acquitted of murder charges as Suresh's father Gandhi and others look on.

Delivering the judgement on Tuesday (Apr. 23), Judge Gururaj Somakkalavar stated: "The accused Suresh alias Kuruba Suresh, son of Gandhi is hereby Honourably Acquitted of offences punishable under Sections 498(A), 302 and 201 of the Indian Penal Code. The Station House Officer (SHO), Bettadapura Police Station, is directed to remove his name from the Police records of this case. The bail and surety bonds stand cancelled."

The Court also ordered that Suresh be released unconditionally and with full honour. The Judge also directed the Government of Karnataka to pay a compensation of Rs. 1 lakh to Suresh for the wrongful arrest and incarceration.

Disciplinary action against Cops

The Court didn't stop at the acquittal. It directed the Inspector General of Police, Mysuru Division, to initiate departmental action against four Police Officers — Jitendra Kumar, Prakash M. Yattinamani, B.K. Mahesh and B.G. Prakash — and submit a detailed report to the Court.

In addition, the Court empowered the Chief Administrative Officer of the District and Sessions Court to file a criminal complaint against Investigating Officer B.G. Prakash under Sections 229 and 231 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

Section 229 of the BNS addresses the offense of providing or fabricating false evidence. In contrast, Section 231 outlines the offence of giving or fabricating false evidence with the intent to procure a conviction for a crime punishable with life imprisonment or imprisonment.

Skeleton was fake: UDR case under lens

The Court also took serious note of a false identity claim made during the investigation. It directed the Superintendent of Police (SP), Mysuru, to reinvestigate the UDR (Unnatural Death Report) case filed at Bettadapura Police Station, where a skeleton recovered by the Police was falsely claimed to be that of Mallige, the 'murdered' wife.

The SP has been asked to submit the findings to both the jurisdictional Court and the Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court.

Judgement copies are being forwarded to the Director General of Police (DGP), Principal Secretary to Government (Home Department), Additional Chief Secretary, Inspector General of Police (Mysuru Division) and Superintendent of Police (Mysuru) for further action.

From wrongful arrest to acquittal

The case dates back to June 2021, when Suresh was arrested by Bettadapura Police on charges of murdering his wife. He spent two years in prison before securing bail from the High Court. Suresh was married to Mallige for 18 years and had two children.

In a dramatic revelation on Apr. 1, 2025, Mallige — believed to be dead — was spotted alive and well by the seventh witness of the criminal case, at a hotel in Madikeri, sharing snacks with her paramour Ganesh.

Then the Madikeri Police were immediately alerted and they arrived at the scene and took Mallige into custody. Upon interrogation, she admitted to having lived with Ganesh in Shettigeri village, Ponnampet Taluk, for the past five years. Her discovery triggered a judicial storm that ultimately led to Suresh's acquittal and an official probe into Police misconduct.

Following the revelation, the Court had ordered Mysuru SP N. Vishnuvardhana to conduct a detailed enquiry. The SP submitted his report on Apr. 17.

Judgement incomplete without full accountability: Advocate

After going through such immense pain, it's hard to feel joy again: Victim Suresh

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (BLU&BCT)- Advocate Pandu Poojari, who represented Suresh, expressed dissatisfaction with the compensation awarded and the limited scope of accountability.

Pandu Poojari

"We welcome the acquittal, but the trauma Suresh underwent cannot be compensated by just Rs. 1 lakh. We will appeal to the High Court, seeking enhanced compensation and stern action against all erring officers, including those from Periyapatna and Kushalnagar Police Stations," said Poojari while speaking to *Star of Mysore*.

"My client lost two years of his life in jail and has attended Court for four years. He is suffering and deserves proper compensation. He must be granted at least Rs. 2 crore compensation. Those who filed a false case should be punished and justice should be served for the unknown victim as well, whose skeleton was found earlier," Advocate Poojari stated.

'No one deserves such injustice'

"This bitter experience will take time to heal," said Suresh. "I spent two years in prison and today, even with the truth out, I don't feel any happiness. After going through such immense pain, it's hard to feel joy again. I need time to process everything and move forward. My focus now is on rebuilding my life and ensuring my children receive good education. That's all that matters to me."

He continued, "What happened to me should never happen to anyone. The Police must strive to deliver justice, especially to the underprivileged. The Courts must ensure that justice is not just a promise, but a reality for all. Innocent people should not suffer the way I did. No one deserves such injustice. The compensation of Rs. 1 lakh is nowhere near enough for what I went through. But I am truly grateful to my friends who stood by me during the investigation and helped bring the truth to light."

"We will not rest until all are punished," said Suresh's father, Gandhi. "I am happy with this verdict. I extend my gratitude to the Court and our lawyers. They supported us throughout and were instrumental in securing this favourable outcome. In this investigation, the Court has recommended action against one Police Officer. There are four individuals involved in this case and we will not stop until all of them are brought to justice," he declared.

Courtroom filled with intrigue in anticipation of judgement

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (BLU&BCT)- The Courtroom was abuzz with intrigue and anticipation last evening as one of the most gripping cases in recent memory reached its conclusion.

As the Judge pronounced the verdict, the Courtroom was packed with senior advocates, junior lawyers, law students and media representatives, all keenly observing the proceedings with some diligently taking notes as the Judge delivered the verdict.

By afternoon, discussions about the verdict had spilt over into the Court canteen, where senior and junior lawyers, along with students, debated the nuances of the judgement with palpable enthusiasm.

Second such case in Karnataka

It was widely acknowledged that such a case had never been seen before in Mysuru District Court. Nationally, it was only the fourth of its kind — and notably, just the second case in Karnataka.

The first in Karnataka involved a doctor from Tumakuru, who had been accused of dowry harassment and murdering his wife. The then-COD (now CID) Police arrested him and filed a chargesheet.

However, when the Bengaluru City Police apprehended the notorious Dandupalya gang, it emerged that they had committed the murder.

Despite this, the COD stood by its chargesheet, insisting the doctor was guilty. In the end, the doctor was exonerated and released, while the Dandupalya gang members were convicted and sentenced to death.

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Pahalgam terror attack

Candlelight protests in city

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (SPN, MK, KS & BCT)- In a collective outpouring of grief and outrage, members of various organisations and political parties in Mysuru staged candlelight protests across the city yesterday, condemning the ghastly terrorist attack on Hindu tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

The massacre, which claimed more than 28 lives — including three Kannadigas — has sent shockwaves across the nation.

BJP leads protest

The **Mysuru City BJP Unit,** led by its President and former MLA L. Nagendra, held a candlelight vigil in front of the Mahatma Gandhi bust opposite the city Law Courts Complex.

Addressing the gathering, Nagendra stated that the attack was a "pre-planned act of terror" in which over 28 tourists, including three from Karnataka, were gunned down. He prayed for strength and solace for the bereaved families.

Nagendra lashed out at the Congress leadership for what he termed as "politicising the attack," strongly condemning remarks made by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and MLA Ramesh Bandisiddegowda, who had blamed an intelligence failure at the Centre.

Several party leaders and members participated in the protest, including BJP leader V. Kaveesh Gowda, City Secretary Giridhar, Vice-President Jogi Manju, Cable Mahesh, Visveshwaraiah, former Corporator B.V. Manjunath, Parthasarathy, Vanish Kumar, Santosh, K. Vasanthkumar, Devaraju Gowda, District Yuva Morcha President Rakesh Gowda, SC Morcha District President Shylendra, Mahila Morcha President Renukaradhya, Chamaraja Constituency President Dinesh Gowda, Narasimharaja President Manju, and State Chief Spokesperson M.J. Mahesh.

Safety & compensation

The **Mysuru Kannada Vedike** also staged a candlelight protest last evening. District President Balakrishna condemned the killings and urged the Karnataka government to expedite the safe return of more than 40 Kannadigas still stranded in Kashmir. He demanded a compensation package for the families of the deceased Kannadigas.

The protest saw participation from Vedike office-bearers, including Nalabeedhi Ravi, Gurubasappa, Palace Babu, Harish, Malini, Kaveramma, Madappa, Siddappa, Govindaraju, Swamy, Nagaraju, and Shivagowda.

Kannadambe Rakshana Vedike

Members of the Kannadambe Rakshana Vedike gathered near the Basaveshwara statue at Gun House Circle for a candlelight protest. Holding placards and raising slogans condemning the attack, the members paid solemn tribute to the deceased.

State President B.B. Rajashekar led the protest, joined by Paramesh, Mahadevaswamy, Manjula, Santosh, Anuraj, Bhagya, Ajay, Ravish, Neha, Krishnappa, Sindhuhalli Shivakumar, Susheela and Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha District President Hinkal Basavaraju.

SDPI seeks capital punishment

The Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) also held a candlelight march at St. Philomena's Church Circle to mourn the deaths and condemn terrorism.

SDPI District President Rafat Khan demanded capital punishment for those responsible for the massacre. He criticised Central Government's failure to ensure national security and voiced concern over growing religious and caste divisions. He was joined by SDPI Vice-Presidents Safi, S. Swamy, and Firdous, Secretary Soumya, Treasurer Mansoor and others.

SUCI(C) condemns

The district unit of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist - SUCI(C)) also condemned the terror attack. District Secretary B. Ravi called for strict punishment for the perpetrators and urged the Centre to ensure appropriate compensation and rehabilitation for the victims' families. He also appealed to citizens across the country to rise above divisions and unite against terrorism.

Chief Minister announces compensation

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in a post on X (formerly Twitter), announced Rs. 10 lakh ex-gratia for the families of the three deceased Kannadigas.

Condemning the attack, he called it "meticulously planned and executed," and offered heartfelt condolences to the grieving families.

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The following condemned articles of the Vidyalaya will be sold through auction in the premises of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Mysuru on 05-05-2025 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM.

Interested parties may participate in the auction by depositing caution money of Rs.1000/- in form of cash one day before or on the same date before commencement of the auction.

The successful bidder has to lift the auction articles by 5.00 PM positively on the same day after depositing the Total Cost of articles. If the successful bidder withdraws himself/herself after finalization of the bid, the caution money shall be forfeited.

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CM Siddaramaiah chairs Cabinet Meeting at M.M. Hills

First full-fledged Cabinet Meeting at most backward district of the State; the then CM S.M. Krishna had held a Mini Cabinet Meeting in 2002

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah receiving a guard of honour on his arrival at M.M. Hills in Chamarajanagar district this afternoon as Ministers Dr.H.C. Mahadevappa, K.J. George, K. Venkatesh and Byrathi Suresh, Deputy Commissioner Shilpa Nag, DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah, Superintendent of Police (SP) Dr.B.T. Kavitha and others look on.

Chamarajanagar, Apr. 24 (SSS&BS)- The much anticipated Cabinet Meeting of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah led State Government, was held at Male Mahadeshwara Hills in the district this afternoon.

It is a first full-fledged Cabinet meeting held in the district after a gap of 23 years, as the then Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, had chaired a Mini Cabinet Meeting, convened at Biligiriranganatha Hill (B.R. Hill) in January 2002.

The Cabinet Meeting, ninth in the year 2025, chaired by CM Siddaramaiah, was held at a specially erected German pandal installed at the ground opposite Jenu Male Guest House. Barring, three Cabinet Ministers of the total 33 Cabinet Ministers, 30, including CM Siddaramiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, participated in the meeting.

The three Ministers, who skipped the meeting were, Labour Minister Santosh Lad, who was sent to Pahalgam in Kashmir to bring back safely those tourists from Karnataka stranded in the valley, after the terror attack, School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa, who as a representative of the State attended the funeral of terror attack victim and realtor Manjunath Rao, at his home town Shivamogga today and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge, who is currently on a foreign tour.

About 70 to 73 subjects were discussed during the meeting and it is most likely that all the matters are likely to be approved.

With Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being a native of neighbouring Mysuru district and having a special concern for Chamarajanagar district, a Congress forte, most of the proposals related to the uplift of the district are likely to be granted approval, it is said.

The hill, especially the temple complex, has been decked up for the special occasion, with the premises illuminated with colourful lights, giving a festive look.

Earlier in the day, Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar offered his obeisance at the temple of Lord Mahadeshwara. He, along with Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar and several other officials, took part in the pre-dawn puja at the temple, that is considered as auspicious by the devotees.

He offered Dundu Golu seve (the practice of carrying Silver File as a service to the Lord), followed by the procession of Utsava Murti of Mahadeshwara in a silver chariot. Dy.CM Shivakumar also sought the blessings of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at the guest house of Suttur Mutt at the hill. He also paid his obeisance to Salur Mutt Seer Sri Shantha Mallikarjuna Swamiji.

Terrorists must be stopped from spreading their tentacles: CM

Chamarajanagar, Apr. 24 (SSS&BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in reference to the terrorists attack on tourists in Pahalgam in Kashmir on Tuesday (Apr. 22) that left 26 dead including three from Karnataka said, the terrorists should be prevented from spreading their tentacles.

He was speaking to media persons on his arrival at the helipad in Male Mahadeshwara Hills, to take part in the Special Cabinet meeting scheduled at the Hills, this noon.

"It is an inhumane incident, which I condemn. After the Pulwama incident, where 40 Indian soldiers were killed in suicide bombing (in February 2019), the constant vigil should have been maintained without any pause. The failure in intelligence gathering mechanism is also yet another reason for the attack. The Central Government should have taken adequate steps to check the recurrence of Pulwama-like incident. Let the perpetrators belong to any caste or religion, they should not be spared," said the Chief Minister.

"We stand with all those victims and Rs. 10 lakh ex-gratia has been announced for the next of kin of three killed in terrorist attack from the State," said Siddaramaiah, who has directed the Police to be on high alert.

To a question on proposed dam across river Cauvery at Mekedatu, he said that he was ready to go ahead with the proposal, as he has held several rounds of talks with the Central Government.

India suspends Indus Waters Treaty, shuts Attari border

New Delhi, Apr. 24 (UNI& Agencies)- In a decisive move following the brutal terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, which claimed 26 lives including that of a foreign national, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) — India's apex decision-making body on national security — has announced a series of strong retaliatory measures against Pakistan.

The attack has been linked to cross-border elements, with the Pakistan-based terrorist group The Resistance Front, an offshoot of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, claiming responsibility.

Addressing a press briefing after the CCS meeting, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri stated, "The cross-border linkages of the terrorist attack were highlighted to the CCS. This incident follows successful elections in the Union Territory and its strides towards economic growth and development."

Key measures announced by the CCS

1. Suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty: The 1960 Indus Waters Treaty, brokered by the World Bank and upheld through three wars between India and Pakistan, has been suspended indefinitely. This suspension is contingent on Pakistan "credibly and irrevocably" ending its support for cross-border terrorism.

2. Closure of Attari-Wagah border Check Post: The Integrated Check Post at Attari-Wagah will be shut with immediate effect. Pakistani nationals who entered India with valid documents may return via this route before May 1, 2025.

3. Termination of SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) for Pakistan: Pakistani nationals will no longer be eligible for travel under the SVES, which had exempted certain categories, including judges, parliamentarians, journalists and athletes, from visa requirements. All previously issued SVES visas for Pakistani citizens are now null and void. Those currently in India under this scheme must leave within 48 hours.

4. Expulsion of military officials: Naval and Air Advisers in the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi have been declared persona non grata and given one week to depart. India will also withdraw its military advisers from its High Commission in Islamabad. These posts, along with five support staff on both sides, are annulled effective immediately.

5. Reduction in diplomatic staff: The overall strength of both High Commissions will be reduced from 55 to 30 personnel by May 1, 2025.

Security forces on high alert

The CCS also reviewed the broader security landscape and instructed all security forces to maintain heightened vigilance. Misri reaffirmed India's resolve to bring the perpetrators to justice and hold their sponsors accountable, noting, "India will remain relentless in the pursuit of those who commit or conspire to carry out acts of terror — as demonstrated in the recent extradition of Tahawwur Rana."

The Indus Waters Treaty: What suspension means

Under the treaty, India controls the eastern rivers — Ravi, Beas and Sutlej — while Pakistan has rights over the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab. The agreement has long been a rare example of cooperation between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.

However, Pakistan is already teetering on the edge of a severe water crisis, driven by rapid population growth, poor management and climate change. The suspension of the treaty could now tip the balance toward an acute national emergency.

In 2019, after the Pulwama attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had warned that "blood and water can't flow together," but refrained from implementing the threat. This time, the CCS has acted.

Pakistan had previously warned that any move to abrogate the treaty would be viewed as an "act of war." India's decision to suspend it signals deep frustration over Islamabad's continued use of terrorism as a tool of statecraft.

Pakistan's official social media blocked

India has also suspended access to the official X (formerly Twitter) account of the Government of Pakistan in the wake of the Pahalgam attack.

The high-level CCS meeting, lasting over two hours, was attended by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

Cabinet to clear international cricket stadium for Mysuru

- Stadium proposed at Huyilalu village in Yelwal to be discussed at State Cabinet meeting
- Former MP Prathap Simha requests Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to approve the project

The land at Huyilalu village in Yelwal Hobli where the proposed stadium will come up.

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (BCT)- The long-pending dream of an international-standard cricket stadium in Mysuru is inching closer to reality.

Prathap Simha

> "When I was the MP, I relentlessly pursued the stadium issue. Today, my efforts are bearing fruit. There are no legal entanglements or ownership disputes with this parcel of land."
>
> — Former MP Prathap Simha

The Karnataka State Cabinet, which is meeting today at Male Mahadeshwara Hills in Chamarajanagar, is expected to give the green signal for the construction of the stadium at Huyilalu village in Yelwal Hobli, located just 9 kms from Mysuru city.

Sources confirmed to *Star of Mysore* this morning that the stadium proposal is listed on the Cabinet agenda. The Mysuru Regional Commissioner has submitted a formal request to the Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, seeking the transfer of 26.31 acres of Government land — Survey Numbers 312 and 313 — for the project.

The land in question, classified as Government kharab land, is unencumbered and unregistered in anyone's name. The Mysuru Tahsildar's report has deemed it suitable for the stadium, both in terms of topography and accessibility. The Regional Commissioner has recommended that the land be handed over to the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) for the proposed stadium.

Posting these official reports on X (formerly Twitter) this morning, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha urged the State Government to approve the project, calling it a long-awaited necessity for Mysuru.

"Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, you have convened the Cabinet meeting in Chamarajanagar, once part of the undivided Mysuru district. A fully equipped stadium was first planned at Sathagalli. However, due to a lake within that land, legal issues under the National Green Tribunal rules could arise. As an alternative, 26.31 acres near Huyilalu have been identified, and all required procedures are complete. Please grant Cabinet approval," Simha posted.

Speaking to *SOM*, Simha elaborated that the Sathagalli site, measuring 19.50 acres, fell short of requirements. "A stadium alone needs at least 5 acres, with another 6 acres for stands. In total, over 11 acres are needed for the main infrastructure, and more for parking, club house and other amenities. Spacious parking, especially, is a mandatory requirement here as most stadiums across Karnataka do not have a proper parking space," he explained.

Simha added that he personally coordinated with the Tahsildar, the Revenue Department and the Regional Commissioner to identify and secure the Huyilalu land. "When I was the MP, I relentlessly pursued the stadium issue. Today, my efforts are bearing fruit. There are no legal entanglements or ownership disputes with this parcel of land," he said.

The KSCA is expected to invest over Rs. 100 crore to bring the stadium to life — potentially positioning Mysuru as a key destination for international and domestic cricket, he added.

Wadiyar's property in city: Nobody is authorised to issue NOC

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (VNS)- In the wake of a few individuals misleading the public by claiming that they can secure No Objection Certificates (NOCs) in respect of Survey No. 4 of Kurubarahalli, Survey No. 41 of Alanahalli and Survey No. 39 of Chowdahalli of Kasaba Hobli in Mysuru, member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, in a press release, has warned general public of engaging and entertaining such claims.

Pramoda Devi

Further, the release stated, "No private party or individual is authorised/empowered to issue or arrange for the issuance of NOCs relating to the above mentioned survey numbers."

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar also warned that she would initiate appropriate action against those involved in such activities.

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Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	3.45 am	6.15 am	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	5.00 am	7.30 am	Monday
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	5.15 am	7.55 am	Daily
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	5.40 am	8.40 am	Daily
20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	6.00 am	7.45 am	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
66554	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.10 am	9.15 am	Daily
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.45 am	9.35 am	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	7.30 am	9.55 am	Tue & Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	8.20 am	10.50 am	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagara	KSR Bengaluru	9.05 am	1.05 pm	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.05 am	12.15 pm	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30 am	12.45 pm	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30 am	1.35 pm	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.45 pm	4.25 pm	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	1.05 pm	2.45 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	1.25 pm	4.30 pm	Daily
66552	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	1.45 pm	5.00 pm	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	2.15 pm	4.10 pm	Daily Except Thur
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	2.50 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	3.15 pm	5.45 pm	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	3.45 pm	6.25 pm	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	4.15 pm	6.50 pm	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	5.10 pm	8.10 pm	Daily
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	6.20 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
06237	Mysuru	Manamadurai	6.35 pm	9.15 pm	Mon
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	6.50 pm	9.40 pm	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	7.10 pm	10.10 pm	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	7.30 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	7.50 pm	11.05 pm	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	8.15 pm	10.50 pm	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	9.00 pm	11.45 pm	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	9.50 pm	12.40 am	Daily
66580	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	10.25 pm	1.15 am	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	11.10 pm	1.30 am	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	11.45 pm	1.55 am	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	12.15 am	4.30 am	Daily
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	12.55 am	3.35 am	Thursday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	1.55 am	3.35 am	Sunday
66579	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	2.05 am	5.30 am	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	4.00 am	6.45 am	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	4.30 am	7.10 am	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	5.05 am	8.20 am	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	5.20 am	7.45 am	Friday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	5.40 am	8.35 am	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	6.00 am	8.55 am	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	6.15 am	9.30 am	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	6.30 am	10.20 am	Daily
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	7.50 am	10.45 am	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	8.10 am	12.00 pm	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	8.30 am	11.15 am	Daily
66551	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	9.15 am	1.30 pm	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.05 am	12.20 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.35 am	1.00 pm	Daily Except Thur
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	1.00 pm	4.00 pm	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	1.25 pm	4.40 pm	Wed [Humsafar Exp]
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	1.50 pm	4.20 pm	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	3.15 pm	5.35 pm	Daily
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	4.45 pm	7.40 pm	Daily Passenger
56282	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	3.35 pm	6.35 pm	Daily Passenger
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	5.00 pm	8.00 pm	Thursday
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	5.35 pm	8.45 pm	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	6.15 pm	9.05 pm	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	6.30 pm	10.00 pm	Mon & Sat
66553	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	7.00 pm	10.15 pm	Daily
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	8.00 pm	10.50 pm	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	8.25 pm	11.20 pm	Daily Except Friday
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	9.30 pm	11.30 pm	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	11.10 pm	1.35 am	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	11.50 pm	2.25 am	Tue & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEWDELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	6.00 am	1.25 pm	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	6.15 am	5.45 am (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)
56266 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	6.30 am	10.25 am	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	7.15 am	10.10 am (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15 am	4.40 pm	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	2.00 pm	11.00 pm	Daily
56268	Mysuru	Arsikere	5.45 pm	10.00 pm	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	7.30 pm (Fri)	6.45 pm (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	9.30 pm	9.00 am	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	11.40 pm	12.55 am	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	6.00 pm	5.55 am	Daily
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.00 pm	9.25 am	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15 am	5.05 pm	Daily
16207 (Exp)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	4.45 pm (Hassan)	8.10 pm	Daily
56265	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.30 pm	9.15 pm	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	10.00 pm (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	6.15 am	3.35 pm	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	2.50 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	5.10 am (Mon)	2.20 am (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	2.10 pm	3.30 am	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

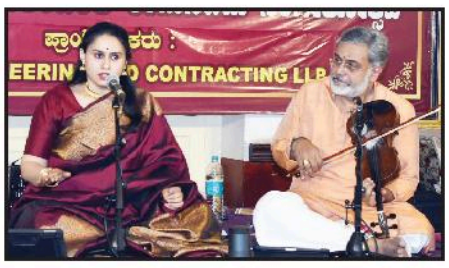
Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
56202	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	5.00 am	6.35 am	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	7.30 am (Mys)	9.20 am	Daily
56210	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	8.20 am	10.10 am	Daily Passenger
56206	Mysuru	Nanjangud	9.15 am	10.00 am	Daily
56204	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	11.45 am	1.30 pm	Daily
56208	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	3.45 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
56282	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	6.40 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	7.15 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
56205	Nanjangud	Mysuru	10.25 pm	11.15 pm	Daily
56207	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	10.40 pm	12.30 pm	Daily Passenger
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	3.30 pm	5.00 pm	Daily
56203	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	5.30 pm	7.20 pm	Daily
56209	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	8.50 pm	10.35 pm	Daily
56201	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	9.45 pm	11.40 pm	DailyPassenger

Musical Grace in Full Bloom

Young **Vidushi Bhargavi Venkatram** sang at Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira on Apr. 15 for a packed audience. Bhargavi, a Computer Engineer, has chosen classical music as her profession and has carved a niche for herself. It seems as a very natural choice because music flows in her blood. Late Vid. H.V. Krishnamurthy is her grandfather and Vid. H.K. Venkatram is her father. Her mother, aunt are performing as Saralaya Sisters. Grandmother was a dancer. It is but natural for Bhargavi to opt for music. But she owes the tutelage to Vid. T.M. Krishna, who has shaped her musical talent.

The interesting part of that day's concert was her father **H.K. Venkatram** accompanying her on violin. The other accompaniments were **Tumkur B. Ravishankar** on mridanga and **G.S. Ramanujam** on ghata. Bhargavi had opted to sing familiar compositions like 'Jaya jaya Janakikantha' by Purandaradasa in the raga Nata, 'Ranga puravihara' in Brindavanasaranga by Muthuswami Dikshitar, 'Jyanamosagarada' in Poorvikalyani by Tyagaraja and so on. The appealing factor in her music is the manodharma Sangeetha that totally matches the composition. This was evident in Poorvikalyani and the Raga-Tana-Pallavi. The compositions too were perfectly presented. A neraval in the Keerthana 'Jyana mosagarada' at 'Paramathmudu jeevathmudu' was dipped in classicism. A Bhajan by Tulasidas 'Jaya Jayashree Jaya Raghuvamsha poojana' carried bhakthi bhava and created a soothing effect.

The highlight of the day was a dvi raga Pallavi. 'Koti nalinakanthiyutham bhajamyaham dasha bindumalinya karuna' was set to Khanda jathi Triputa taala in the ragas Nalinakanthi and bindumalini. Her splendid exposition of vocal talent came alive in Nalinakanthi and Bindumalini alapane. Very smooth and soft raga vinyasa not only by her, but also by H.K. Venkatram as well. It was heartening to see the father enjoying his daughter's performance. She would easily switch from one raga to another in a very energetic way. In the Kalpana swaras Bhargavi and Venkatram chose Vasantha, Kunthalavarali, Reethigowla, Kanada and Kapi. It was indeed a melodious medley. Tumkur Ravishankar and Ramanujam are two senior percussionists of Mysuru who, with their vast stage experience can thrill the audience. They gave an excellent laya support for the concert. Purandaradasa's 'Rama rama rama seetharama enniro' (Thilang) deserves a mention in the tail piece. Bhargavi undoubtedly has a bright future.



Vidu. Bhargavi Venkatram performing at Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira on Apr. 15. Her father H.K. Venkatram is giving violin support.

Sri Rama Pattabhisheka: A Divine Harikatha

The 16th of April marked the concluding day of Ramanavami Sangeethotsava at Bidaram Krishnappa's Seetharama Mandira. It was graced by a soulful Harikatha by none other than the celebrated exponent **Vidushi Vishaka Hari.**

Vishaka Hari's Harikatha is far from mere entertainment; it is a spiritual and cultural offering. Inspired by her spiritual guru and father-in-law, Sri Krishna Premi Swamigal, she has taken up katha kalakshepa with the goal of imparting Indian values and dharma to the next generation. As a disciple of the legendary violinist Vid. Lalgudi Jayaraman, Vishaka Hari brings to her discourse a strong foundation in classical music, seamlessly blending narration and song.

Her unique style — often weaving English and Tamil into her storytelling — makes her accessible to diverse audiences. Her discourses are enriched with keerthanas in different languages, which she uses effectively to connect the narrative, often singing with deep bhava to bring scenes vividly to life.

Despite the familiarity of the story of Lord Rama and the Ramayana, listeners remained attentive throughout, drawn in by her engaging anecdotes. For instance, she revealed that the famous verse "Kausalya Supraja Rama" was composed by Vishwamitra — a delightful nugget of knowledge. She also mentioned that Lord Rama is believed to have slept in Srirangam after the Pattabhisheka — a poetic moment made all the more serene with a keerthana in Neelambari.

She is perhaps the only Harikatha exponent who incorporates kalpana swaras into the discourse, adding a layer of creativity and classical integrity to her performance. Vishaka Hari was accompanied by her disciple **Chinmayi** on violin, **Vid. Vijay Natesh** on mridanga and **Shamith Gowda** on ghata. The day's discourse was based primarily on the works of Kulashekhara Alwar. To deliver Harikatha in English is rare, but Vishaka Hari does so with warmth and ease, breaking linguistic barriers while preserving the tradition's sanctity. She has received numerous awards for her contributions to music and spiritual discourse and has raised funds for causes like cancer care, children with Down syndrome, heart patients and orphans.

Kudos to this remarkable artiste. May her noble efforts and enriching contributions continue to inspire many more.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Vidushi Vishaka Hari performing at Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira in city on Apr. 16. She is accompanied by her disciple Chinmayi on violin, Vid. Vijay Natesh on mridanga and Shamith Gowda on ghata.

Week-long Bhagini Sangeethotsava begins

Pejawar Mutt Seer calls for donating part of wealth for noble cause

Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer and BSS Vidyodaya Chairman Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji lighting the lamp to inaugurate the week-long Bhagini Sangeethotsava at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram yesterday. Also seen are (from left) BSS Vidyodaya Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat, Working President B. Srinivas, President Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy and Sangeethotsava President K.S. Gururaj.

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (PM&BS)- Bhagini Sangeethotsava, a seven-day classical music festival organised by BSS Vidyodaya School, Krishnamurthypuram, in the city, began yesterday.

Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji, also the Chairman of the School, inaugurated the music festival at Padmaja Srinivas auditorium at its premises. The event also coincided with the inauguration of the auditorium named after Padmaja Srinivas. The music festival will be held daily from 6 pm to 9 pm up to Apr. 29.

In his address later, the Pejawar Mutt Seer said, Lord Ram, in his message, has told to respect Mother and the Motherland. We should follow the ideals laid down by the Lord and the philanthropists, who donated for the construction of the school building, have indeed practiced what Lord Ram had preached. If one shows generosity to donate a part of the wealth, it is equal to worshipping the God. One should understand the significance of culture in life and teach the same to the kids in their nascent stage, the Seer advised.

Earlier, BSS Vidyodaya President Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, also a renowned businessman, observed that, today's children are extremely intelligent and ahead in scoring the marks. However, it was viceversa in our case, as we were not able to score better marks during the school days. But, we imbibed culture, which nurtures a good conduct of responding to the society. The children should be taught such a good culture along with education, apart from making them aware of our heritage and culture, that forms the core idea behind teaching at this school.

BSS Vidyodaya Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat said, the school building constructed at the cost of Rs. 30 crore was inaugurated a year ago. It is believed that, the campus has the blessings of Lord Ram. The building was constructed with the donations raised from philanthropists. The speciality of the school is to impart quality education for a nominal fee.

The school library named 'Words World' was also inaugurated, along with 'Ananda Kaksha' activity room, 'Shunya' computer lab, Lilavati Math Lab and 'Chaduranga Gruham,' a Chess playing room. The donors of these facilities were also felicitated.

The inaugural of music festival was followed by a Veena-Venu-Violin Concert by Vid. Balu Masti, Vid. C.S. Keshavachandra and Vid. M. Srinidhi.

BSS Vidyodaya Working President B. Srinivas, Sangeethotsava President K.S. Gururaj and others were present.

UPSC Exams

KAS Officer M.R. Nikhil from city secures 724th rank

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (PM&BS)- M.R. Nikhil from the city has secured 724th rank in the civil services examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in September 2024, the results of which were announced recently.

M.R. Nikhil

He is the son of Ramesh, a retired Municipal Commissioner and Dr. B.K. Prathima, Education Coordinator at BEO's office, Srirangapatna and residents of Aishwarya Layout in Kuvempunagar, Mysuru city. Nikhil, who is a Karnataka Administrative Service (KAS) Officer presently serving as Assistant Labour Commissioner, Department of Labour, in Bengaluru, has however succeeded in his fifth attempt at cracking Civil Services Exams.

A Mechanical Engineering graduate from Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) in Mysuru, Nikhil is a native of Modachakanahalli in Mandya taluk. He had his schooling in Carmel Convent and Cauvery Public School in Mandya and Kautilya Vidyalaya in Mysuru and studied PUC at VVS Golden Jubilee PU College in Mysuru.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Nikhil owed his feat in Civil Services Exams to Dhruvakumar Hiremath, a teacher in Bengaluru. "If one has to succeed in Civil Services Exams, they should study constantly with a firm mind. Patience also counts at the time of preparing for the exams, along with perseverance and self-confidence, which contribute to overall personality development," said Nikhil.

'Vidyuth' from tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (MTY&VNS)- Vidyuth-2025, the annual cultural fest hosted by Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) will be held from Apr. 25 to 27 at the college premises.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, College Principal (in-Charge) L.J. Sudev said, "Prof. S.R. Niranjana, Vice-Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, will inaugurate the event in the presence of Vidyavardhaka Sangha President Gundappa Gowda, Secretary P. Vishwanath, Treasurer Shrishail Ramannavar, Principal Prof. B. Sadashive Gowda, Cultural Committee Chairman B.S. Gowrishankar.

As part of the fest, the College has also organised a blood donation camp in association with NSS and Red Cross.

Speaking on the occasion, Cultural Secretary S. Gowrishankar said, "Singers Sangeetha Ravindranath (Apr. 25) and Shirley Setia (Apr. 26) and DJ Shiva Manvi (Apr. 27) will entertain the crowd during the fest."

Call to preserve Kodava land, language and culture

Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha conducts annual cultural contests

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Mysuru, conducted its annual cultural competitions on Apr. 13 at Kodagu Sahakara Sangha premises in Jayalakshmipuram.

Kodagu Model School (Vidyashankar Layout, Sathagalli, Mysuru) Education Council Chairperson Chowrira Seethamma Kalaiah addressing the gathering at Kodagu Sahakara Sangha premises in Jayalakshmipuram as others look on. Picture right shows the guests and Sangha members.

Inaugurating the programme by lighting the traditional lamp, Kodagu Model School (Vidyashankar Layout, Sathagalli, Mysuru) Education Council Chairperson Chowrira Seethamma Kalaiah, who was the chief guest, spoke on preserving Kodava land, language, their unique attire, customs and traditions which are the real assets of Kodava community, whose population is dwindling alarmingly of late. Calling upon the parents and elders to impart knowledge on culture and tradition to their children, she felt for an urgent need to create awareness among youths on Kodava culture (Kodavame).

Kollira Bollamma Kuttappa, President, Kodagu Mahila Sangha, welcomed and presided.

K. Kavya Kuttappa, Vice-President; K. Bhavani Belliappa, Secretary; M. Jaya Muthappa, Treasurer; A. Tara Somaiah and P. Vimala Poonacha, Joint Secretaries; K. Pushpa Machaiah and K. Pushpa Nanaiah, Organising Secretaries and P. Lovely Appaiah, Kodagu Mahila Sangha Advisor, were present.

Mysuru Kodava Samaja President Ponjanda A. Ganapathy, former Samaja Presidents Moovera K. Kuttappa, Kekada M. Belliappa and Kattera A. Kariappa and Kodagu Sahakara Sangha President Chambanda Nanjamma were the special invitees.

The Sangha members and their children actively participated in singing, dance, pick-and-speak and drawing competitions.

Kaliyanda Renu Muthamma (Kodava songs, Pick & Speak), Anusha Kumar (Dance), Vidyashree (Singing) and Mukkaty Muthappa (Drawing) were the judges. The event concluded with prize distribution by Machanda Jaya Muthappa. Kodandera Pushpa Machaiah proposed a vote of thanks.

WORD OF THE DAY

Apparatchik

Pronunciation: ah-puh-RAH-chik (noun).
Meaning: Apparatchik is used disapprovingly to refer to a blindly devoted official, follower, or member of an organisation, such as a corporation or political party.
Origin: The apparat in apparatchik (a term English speakers borrowed from Russian) essentially means "party machine," with machine referring to a highly organized political group under the leadership of a boss or small group of individuals: apparatchik originally referred to someone functioning as a cog in the system of the Communist Party. The term is not a flattering one, and its negative connotations reflect the perception of some Communists as obedient drones in the great Party machine. In current use, however, a person doesn't have to be a member of the Communist Party to be called an apparatchik; they just have to be someone who mindlessly follows orders in an organisation or bureaucracy.
Example: "Played by What We Do in the Shadows' Matt Berry, Shazbor is a faithful party apparatchik and staunch defender of his country's traditions ..." —Damon Wise, Deadline, 25 Jan. 2025.

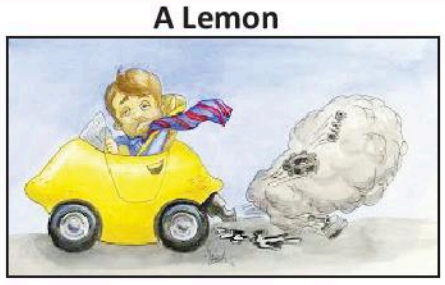
THE ODD WORD

Absinthism

Disease resembling alcoholism.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A Lemon



Meaning: The phrase 'A lemon' typically describes a second hand vehicle that, once purchased, ends up having plenty of flaws.
Origin: Why would a juicy lemon relate to flawed merchandise? Because a lemon on its own is just a lump of sourness with a thick skin to boot.
Example: "My brothers' car is a lemon. He spends half of his weekend fixing his car." "It's fine to look for a good deal; just be sure that you don't end up buying a lemon."

QUOTE BOX

It is probable that the lemon is the most valuable of all fruit for preserving health. **—Maud Grieve**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Insult
+ Injury

Answer: Adding insult To injury.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 23rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet
4 National Coal Board
7 James Bond's foe (2,2)
11 Kimono sash
12 "Rockaria!" band
13 Vast age
14 One who changes sides; a traitor
17 Undergarment or American waistcoat?
18 Diverts (5,5)
20 Jeer, deride
22 Nabokov novel
23 GI address
24 Become liable
27 U2's "The ___ Tree"
31 Minted
33 Thresholds
34 Electronic Industries Assoc.
35 Hawaiian garlands ?
37 Lacking resonance
39 First name in Indian hockey (5,5)
42 Sinks the 8 ball?
43 Rule with an ___ ___ : govern in a tough manner? (4,4)
46 Poker opener
47 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat ?
48 Meshed fabric
49 Molest or assault or violate
50 Equated Monthly Instalment in short
51 Wisecrack

DOWN

1 Small child or an infant
2 ____ Simbel, Egypt
3 Expert artist or musician
4 Inert gas
5 Hold or fix firmly
6 Pertaining to plant life
7 Dan Brown's __ ___ Code? (2,5)
8 Marsh plant
9 No skin off one's ____ : of no consequence to one?
10 Ontario, in short
15 Female member of a religious order
16 Pre-LCD TV technology
19 Chinese, prefix.
20 __ Mahal : Wonder at Agra?
21 As similar as two peas in _ ___? (1,3)
25 Ceaseless
26 Exert restraint
28 The papacy or papal court (4,3)
29 Nitrogenous fertilizer
30 Obstinately stupid or silly
32 24 hours
36 Push off
37 Convert into leather
38 "Fin" changed for some information, shortly
39 Lady of Spain - "a nod" anagram?
40 Start of a Web site address
41 Festival of colours
42 Golfer's score
44 At ___ : perplexed or uncertain?
45 Time To Go

TUESDAY'S ANSWER

B	R	E	D		R	A	P	S		S	U	M
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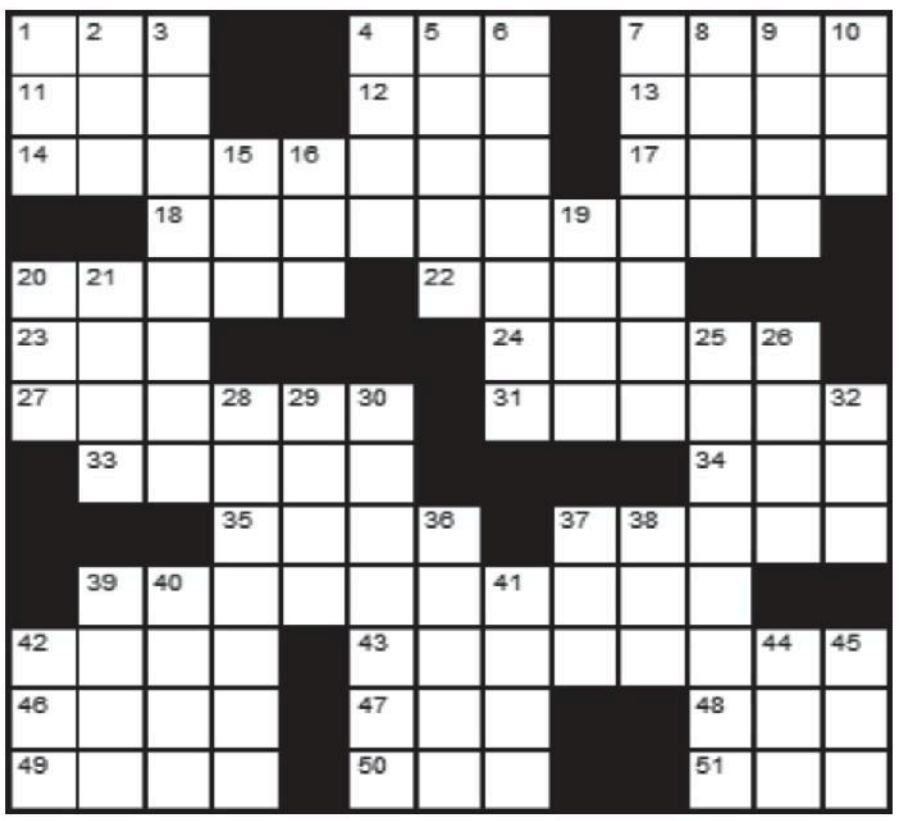

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

5	7	1	4	3	6	8	9	2
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8	9	4	7	6	3	5	2	1
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1	6	5	8	2	4	9	7	3
9	1	2	3	8	5	7	6	4
6	4	3	1	7	9	2	8	5
7	5	8	6	4	2	3	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IHL IZMX DA OXOHKG AH YTZY FX OVITY

TZMX KHAXA VR LXJXOPXK.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS W

Tuesday's Cryptoquip: It is difficult for sorrow to intrude on a busy life.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

Gayathri Theatre **Ph: 2443568**
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre **Ph: 2423554**
Gangers (Ta) - 4 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 99008-20093**
Odela 2 (Te) - 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre **Ph: 2422871**
Firefly (K) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Gandhada Gudi (1973) (K) - 2 Shows; *Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)* - 2 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre **Ph: 2452958**
Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows

Prabha Theatre **Mob: 98454-14691**
Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre **Ph: 2420885**
Kora (K) - 2 Shows; *Ricksha Chalaka (K)* - 2 Shows

Sangam Theatre **Ph: 2520494**
Vaamana (K) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre **Mob: 98863-25207**
Sikandar (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 4 pm 7 pm, 10 pm
Paddington in Peru (E)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
Gandhada Gudi 1973 (K)	(S-2)	10 am
Firefly (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 4.05 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	(S-2)	7 pm, 9.55 pm
Gangers (Ta)	(S-3)	12.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Veera Chandrahasa (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Jaat (H)	(S-3)	10.20 pm
Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 4.10 pm 7 pm, 9.55 pm
Vaamana (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Gangers (Ta)	:	1 pm, 6.30 pm 9.30 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	1 pm, 3.45 pm 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Vaamana (K)	:	1.25 pm, 4 pm
Odela 2 (Te)	:	1.30 pm
Veera Chandrahasa (K)	:	4 pm
Kadeema (K)	:	6.35 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	6.55 pm, 9.35 pm
Ten Hours (Ta)	:	9.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402

Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	10 am, 6.35 pm
Paddington in Peru (E)	:	10 am, 12:55 pm
Vidyapati (K)	:	10 am
Gangers (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 3.20 pm 7 pm, 9.30 pm
Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Firefly (K)	:	11.10 am, 2 pm, 7.40 pm
Sachein (Ta)	:	12.35 pm, 10.15 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	12.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)	:	1.35 pm
Gandhada Gudi (1973) (K)	:	3.35 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Gangers (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 12.30 pm, 3.45 pm 7.05 pm 10 pm
Firefly (K)	:	10.30 am, 4.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	12.45 pm, 7 pm, 10.25 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	1.15 pm
Sinners (E)	:	1.30 pm
Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	3.55 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
Vaamana (K)	:	4.10 pm
Paddington in Peru (E-2D)	:	7.05 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465

Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Firefly (K)	:	10.25 am, 4.30 pm
Sinners (E)	:	10.25 am, 10.20 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	10.30 am, 7 pm
Gangers (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Gandhada Gudi (1973) (K)	:	1.25 pm
Vaamana (K)	:	1.30 pm
Vidyapati (K)	:	4.20 pm
Paddington in Peru (E)	:	4.40 pm
Veera Chandrahasa (K)	:	7.20 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Gangers (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 4.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4:.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Paddington in Peru (E)	:	10.50 am
Sinners (E)	:	12.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Arjun s/o Vyjayanthi (Te)	:	1.10 pm, 9.40 pm
Firefly (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	3.45 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	:	4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Rotary Mysore Midtown Silicon Media Award presented

SITTING FROM LEFT: *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra* ***Senior Reporter M.T. Yogesh Kumar (MTY), Akashvani Announcer of Krushiranga-fame R. Lokeshwari and Cartoonist-cum-Fulbrighter M.V. Nagendra Babu (Banter Babu), who were conferred with Rotary Mysore Midtown Silicon Media Award at a function held at Rotary Centre on JLB Road in city last evening, are seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Rotary Mysore Midtown past President Rtn. Dr. M.N. Bheemesh, District-Governor Elect Dr. P.K. Ramakrishnan, Award sponsors Rtn. M.S. Naveen Chandra and Rtn. S. Raghavendra of Silicon Controls India Pvt. Ltd., Inner Wheel Midtown President Aswini Raghavendra, former Professor of Mizoram University Dr. K.V. Nagaraj (chief guest), Club President Rtn. S. Kumara Swamy and Hon. Secretary Rtn. Elizar Milton.***

Ursu Mahamandali Special AGM

Mysuru, Apr. 24-Ursu Mahamandali Sangha will hold its Special Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) on **Apr. 27** at Rajarshi Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Samudaya Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road in city. Sangha President K. Manoj Urs will preside.

For details contact Ph: 0821-2447104 or Mob: 94806-49326.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 24)

- **BSS Vidyodaya:** Bhagini Sangeethotsava, vocal concert by Vid. G. Ravikiran and troupe, School Auditorium, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Taruna Bharati - Flute concert by Shreya Bharath, **6 pm to 7.15 pm;** Vocal concert by Suhas Murali. They will be accompanied by Vid. Tumkur Yashasvi on violin and Vid. Shubang Samaga on mridanga, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 25)

- **BSS Vidyodaya:** Bhagini Sangeethotsava, vocal concert by Vidu. Lakshmi Nagaraj & Vidu. Indu Nagaraj and troupe, School Auditorium, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Musical Evening:** Musical Evening commemorating late Thespian Dr. Rajkumar's birth anniversary, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Admission

Mysuru, Apr. 24- The Department of ST Welfare has invited applications from eligible ST Community students for admission to 6th std. in prestigious schools of city. ST students should have passed 5th std. with 60 percent marks and the annual family income of the students should not exceed Rs. 2 lakh. Applications can be had from the Office of Planning Co-ordination Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Plan at Mysuru, Hunsur, H.D. Kote, Nanjangud and T. Narasipur or from Department of Social Welfare at Periyapatna and K.R. Nagar and submit by May 3. Contact, Ph: 0821-2427140 or Mob: 94499-75386.

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